

IRISH LAND COMMISSION

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885, 1888, AND 1891;" AND "THE REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891,"

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1896.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of January, 1896: also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885, 1888, and 1891," and "The Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act 1891."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1895, Applications received in month of January, 1896,	179,791 326 180,017	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1895, " in month of January, 1896,	4,246 12 4,258
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1895, Do. in month of Jan., 1896,	9,369 45 9,414	By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1895, " in month of January, 1896,	157,348 124 157,472
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1895, Applications received in month of January, 1896,	28,975 13 28,988	Dismissed— To 31st December, 1895, In month of January, 1896,	7,885 15 7,899
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents, to 31st Dec., 1895, " received in Jan., 1896,	735 17 752	Struck out— To 31st December, 1895, In month of January, 1896,	35,307 21 35,328
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st December, 1895, Do. in month of Jan., 1896,	1,368 7 1,375	Withdrawn†— To 31st December, 1895, In month of January, 1896,	14,471 — 14,471
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	— 215,428

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (a.), page 7.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1895,	48	Rents fixed— By One Commission to 31st December, 1895, " in month of January, 1896,	—
Applications received in month of January, 1896,	70	118 By Sub-Commission to 31st December, 1895, " in month of January, 1896,	—
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1895, Do., in month of January, 1896,	—	Dismissed— To 31st December, 1895, In month of January, 1896,	—
	88	Struck out— To 31st December, 1895, In month of January, 1896,	3
	38	Withdrawn*— To 31st December, 1895, In month of January, 1896,	—
Total,	—	156 Total disposed of,	3

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 35, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1895, Do., do. in month of January, 1896,	116,371
	117
Total,	116,788

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.: Applications received to 31st December, 1895, Applications received in month of January, 1896,	1,430 12	Number disposed of to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	2,389 6
	1,442		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1895, Do., in month of January, 1896,	58 —	36	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st December, 1895, Applications in month of January, 1896,	1,043 —	1,043	
Total,	—	2,521 Total disposed of	2,385

† The first notice of application to the Court, asking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW IRELAND ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1893,*	55	Lenses or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	22	
		" Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	30	32
		" Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	3	30
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1893.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jun., 1896, . . .	13	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	2	
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	3	" Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	9	2
Total,	—	" Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	9
	16	Total disposed of,	—	14

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1895, " in January, 1896, . . .	4,050	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1895, " in Jun., 1896, . . .	3,423	
"	16	" Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, " in Jan., 1896, . . .	319	3,437
		" Total disposed of,	—	372
Total,	4,066			3,808

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENTS, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Dec., 1895,	44,459	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1895,	23,831	
" in month of Jan., 1896,	85	" in month of Jan., 1896,	29	23,830
				801
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895,	801	
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895,	20,331	
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	68	20,330
		Total Number disposed of,	—	44,340
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	204
Total,	44,544	Total,	—	44,544

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 & 1886.

—	Number,	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1895,	29,443	£ 11,397,163
" in January, 1896,	5	361
Deduct Applications refused,	29,448	£ 11,397,523
	3,662	1,386,234
	25,786	10,011,289
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1895,	25,533	£ 9,926,877
Loans sanctioned in month of January, 1896,	6	471
	25,530	£ 9,927,348
Loans issued to 31st December, 1895,	25,090	£ 9,919,504
" in January, 1896,	28	6,088
	25,108	£ 9,918,480

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

	Number	Amount,	Number	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1895,	7,537	£ 2,511,832		£
" in January, 1896,	106	49,693		
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1895,	9,657	680,696	7,548	2,361,323
Loans applied for in January, 1896,	76	23,446		
			2,733	703,143
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st January, 1896,	—	—	10,378	3,264,667
Less applications refused to 31st January, 1896,	540	243,647		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st January, 1896,	714	188,262	1,254	431,909
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1895,	6,900	2,133,291	9,124	2,832,758
" in January, 1896,	107	30,302	6,397	2,162,504
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1895,	1,319	345,567	1,326	347,130
" in January, 1896,	7	1,563		
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st Jan., 1896,	—	—	7,723	2,500,724
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st January, 1896,	71	43,915		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates, by Order of Court to 31st January, 1896,	106	46,263	176	89,178
Loans issued to 31st December, 1895,	5,157	1,778,167	7,547	2,420,546
" in January, 1896,	39	29,441		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1895,	1,093	268,082	5,246	1,807,605
" in January, 1896,	7	1,563		
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st December, 1895,	91	53,933	1,100	269,505
" in January, 1896,	3	2,035	63	55,968
			8,399	2,133,171

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1895,	887	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st December, 1895,	138	
" in January, 1896,	7	Defect applications recorded under this head subsequently resulted to have a Fair Rent fixed by Order of Court,	2	
			134	
		Number received in January, 1896,	—	134
		Number of cases in which no Comarnts were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st December, 1895,	734	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of January, 1896,	17	751
				885
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired,	—	9
Total,	894	Total,	—	894

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (A) page 2.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1896.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1896.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1895,	29,397		Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	16,742	
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . .	71		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	3,793	16,796
Applications by Lessees under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st December, 1895,	4,150		Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	433	3,797
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . .	5		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	10,737	434
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1895,	2,382		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	53	10,790
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . .	10		Total disposed of, . . .	—	31,796
Total, . . .	—	55,915			

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1896, . . .	55		Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . .	14		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	
			Applications withdrawn* to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st December, 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	
Total, . . .	69		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	38	38
			Total disposed of, . . .	—	38

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for rents to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 53, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1895,							
Do.,	do.	in month of January, 1896,					
Total,							

III.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st December, 1895,	554	Number disposed of to 31st December, 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	262		
Applications received in month of January, 1896,	4	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895,	36		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st Dec., 1895,	3	Transferred in month of Jan., 1896,	—		
Applications received in month of January, 1896,	—				36
Total,	561	Total disposed of,	—		298

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—See 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1895,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	—		
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	—	6	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	—	—	6
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	—	—	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	—		6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1895.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st December, 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	22	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	3	
	—	" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	4	
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	1	
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Courts to 31st Dec., 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	3	
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	3
Total,	22	Total disposed of,	—	11

Irish Land Commission,
17th February, 1896.

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